

# National Caddy Scholars Council Organized

By HERB GRAFFIS

AT Scott Hall of Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., July 28 Chick Evans was honored and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Evans caddie scholarships was observed.

The dinner was preceded by conferences of caddie scholarship funds officials from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Michigan, Wisconsin and Western Golf Assn. and other regional men and women amateur association executives.

The conferences resulted in outlining plans for forming a National Caddy Scholarship Council in which, it is hoped, all groups engaged in sponsoring caddie scholarships will be associated. This coordination of planning, financing and supervising was strongly endorsed by representatives of regional caddie scholarship funds after the presentation of the idea by Carleton Blunt, chmn., Evans Scholars Foundation board of trustees.

From the start of the Evans caddie scholarships with two boys entering Northwestern in 1930 until the present, more than 500 caddies have received college educations financed along the lines originated by Chick. Of this number, 380 scholarships have been awarded by the Evans Scholars Foundation.

The Evans Scholars Foundation has \$233,045 invested in houses for ex-caddie scholars at universities: Evans house at Northwestern, Standish house at Michigan, Allis house at Wisconsin and a house at Illinois. From all sources the Evans Scholars Foundation revenue in 1954 was \$229,570.

## Largest Scholarship Program

By the record of the caddies acquiring university training through the aid of these scholarships, and the growth of the caddie scholarship assistance, Evans has been uniquely distinguished in sports. The Evans foundation is the largest scholarship program in the world supported by individual contributions.

The implementation and extension of Chick's idea by astute and vigorous offi-

cial of the Western Golf Assn. vastly expanded the job begun when Chick presented income from instruction records, maintaining his amateur status and converting a wish into a reality.

Impressive evidence of the success of Evans' caddie scholarship idea spoke at the 25th anniversary dinner more eloquently than words that Chick or any others could say at the banquet. But Evans did make a brief and stirring talk that will illuminate golf's annals.

He referred simply to the glories he and others had achieved in golf and to the material gains of famous playing professionals. These feats probably are being surpassed by the performances of young men in business and professions for whom the door to opportunity was unlocked by caddie scholarships, Evans declared.

Chick tersely referred to the conception of the caddie scholarship idea by his mother and himself in 1928 and its help to youngsters in the bleak years of depression.

Evans said that after 50 years of making amateur golf his life he now is inclined to believe that he might have done better by giving his financial matters a priority over his dedicated activities in amateur golf. Chick spoke in calm appraisal and with no regrets. He, in a way, seemed to echo the reflection of Cardinal Wolsey, as reported by W. Shakespeare:

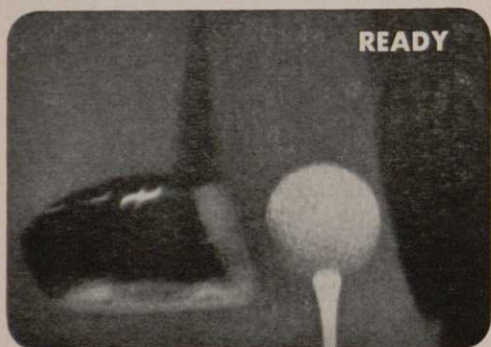
*Had I served my God with half the zeal  
I served my king, He would not in my age  
Have left me naked to mine enemies.*


However, Chick is by no means fiscally naked. He is doing right well as a sales executive for a large dairy company.

Outside the continued progress of the caddie scholarship work Chick's remaining ambition in golf was to play in 50 National Amateur championships. All chance of that was ended when the USGA discontinued giving automatic exemption to earlier champions.

At the anniversary dinner, James O'Keefe, pres., Western Golf Assn., paid tribute to the many who had worked hard

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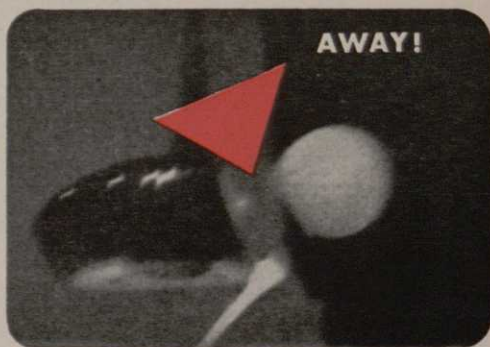
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and effectively in developing the caddie scholarship plan.

Frank Cankar expressed the gratitude of the Evans Scholars alumni.

Carleton Blunt outlined the problems and achievements of the Evans Scholars Foundation, announcing the formation of the National Caddie Scholarship Council, and acknowledging the valuable work of James Rollins, now dean of the Harvard Business School. While officially associated with Northwestern Rollins was a guiding light in getting the scholarship operation soundly established.

J. Roscoe Miller, pres., Northwestern university, presided at the meeting.

### **Amputees' 7th Championship Sparkles with Fine Play**

**A** FIELD of 60 golfers, each minus an arm or a leg—in one case shy both hands—played in the 7th annual National Amputee tournament held at Ravisloe CC (Chicago dist.) July 18-19.

Jack Harrison, 43-year-old radio announcer from Grand Rapids, Mich., a leg amputee, won the Amputee national tournament for the third time. He scored 75-74—79 over a testing course. His awards were the Jack Ahern championship trophy and the Fred Riggin trophy for best scoring leg amputee. Lou Monge, who lost a leg in the Sicilian campaign, finished second with 152 and won the R. E. Britt trophy for "Most Improved Competitor." Monge, by the way, has to drive 50 miles from his job in a New Mexico hospital to play on a golf course. He got started when he was given a mashie and a few golf balls.

Bob Sadler, a Des Moines, Ia., attorney, who lost an arm at the age of 11, was third with 161, including a 2-stroke out-of-bounds penalty. Sadler also won prizes for least putting, approaching accuracy, and longest arm amputee drive.

You can't say that you've "been around" in golf until you have seen this all-star field performing. There are some amazing demonstrations of fine balance in shotmaking by leg amputees, and the hand action of fellows who have only one hand is marvelous.

Dale Bourisseau, a loser of a leg at Anzio, has campaigned this tournament to top billing. Pros in Buffalo and Cleveland who have seen the Amputee play, and Jack Drucker, pro at the host club this year, say it's the most astonishing and inspiring thing in golf competition. Henry Picard, who has steered many into

championships, puts on demonstrations and clinics at these Amputee tournaments. Pic comments that the annual event is by far the biggest competitive demonstration of golf's psychological and physical benefits.

It is tough to get the right sort of a good course for this tournament. The terrain must be considered for the leg amputees' play and the rough must be considered on account of the arm amputees' problems.

The 56-year-old Ravisloe club, scene of many fine tournaments, and one of the Chicago district's foremost clubs, was a superb host to the event. Club officials and members said they've never had a more cheerful, thoroughly sportsmanlike group of guests. Charles Eckstein, Chicago District Golf Assn. treas., after sessions with CDGA Pres. Fred Slyder and Tournament chmn. Stacey Osgood, arranged the tournament for his home club.

The Ravisloe caddies—175 of them—wanted to caddie at no cost to the Amputee contestants but the players wouldn't go for that. So the kids put their money into a huge "Goat" trophy awarded to the highest scorer in the field, leg amputee Edwin Zelli of Buffalo, with a two-round score of 422. In addition to the trophy, Zelli received a set of clubs, bags, shoes, rainjacket and golf glove. Caddiemaster Pete Budris, pro Jack Drucker and Eckstein chipped in with the kids for the added awards. Zelli also will get lessons from Alex Perley, pro at Wanakah CC, Hamburg, N. Y.

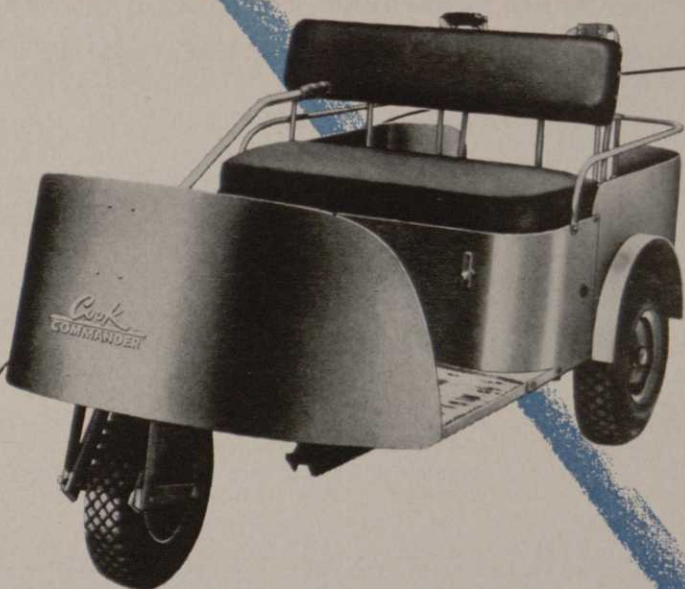
Ravisloe Supt. Walter Kilmer, enthusiastically complimented on the excellent condition of the course, will long remember some of the leg amputees telling him that they hoped their crutches didn't put dents in such great greens.

Ages of the field ranged from 16 to 72. The amputees were about 50-50 war and home casualties. They paid big dividends in their use of what they get from the National Golf Fund, in addition to what they raise themselves.

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# U-3 Bermuda Ingeniously Planted, Proves OK at K. C.

By O. J. NOER

**D**UDLEY Day is making good use of Hall's U-3 bermuda grass on the tees at Blue Hills CC, Kansas City, Mo. It has been such a conspicuous success that Dudley is confident U-3 will be the answer to the turf problem on the unshaded tees at the club.

The No. One tee was changed to Hall's U-3 bermuda grass first. It was done without interrupting play. Large size plugs were taken from the sod nursery and placed in the tee on 12 to 18 in. centers. Bermuda coverage was complete by August and provided good playing turf in contrast to the usual summertime cover of goose grass and crabgrass.

The Hall's U-3 bermuda tees have performed so well over a span of several years that club officials want the other tees changed to this grass.

Day now has a better way to make the change. He removes strips of sod from the nursery with a machine of his own design and manufacture. The sod strips are cut into convenient lengths for handling. They are 2 in. wide and about the same thickness. The nursery is of the solid sod type, closely cut and well kept.

The present method of changing tees to Hall's U-3 bermuda grass is to cut 2 x 2 strips in the tees with the sod stripper. The strips are 12 to 18 in. apart. The sod strips from the sod nursery are inserted in the prepared slits in the tees. Workmen see that the joints along the edge are tight. Surface debris is removed.

(See detail on opposite page.)

The tee is watered thoroughly and kept moist until the bermuda starts growth. Play continues without interruption. Under a program of generous fertilization the bermuda takes over within several months provided temperatures are within the range for optimum growth of bermuda grass.

The bermuda grass tees at Blue Hills are cut close with a power mower. Surfaces are ideal for play and close cutting is better for this strain of grass.

Up to now there has been no winter

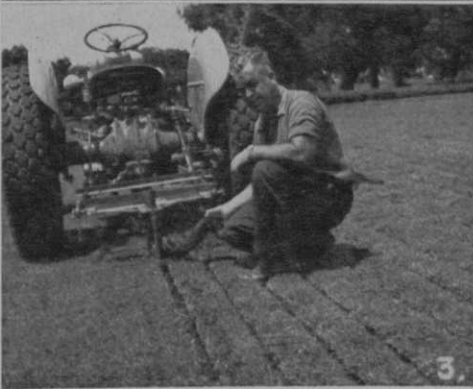
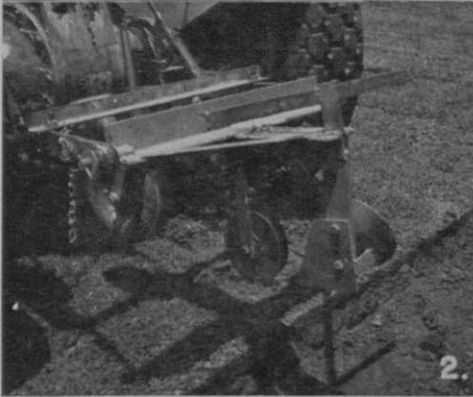
kill of the Hall's U-3 bermuda at Blue Hills. Others have not fared that well. The so-called winter kill may not be due to low temperatures but the result of wind burn and desiccation.

Day waters the bermuda tees heavily several times during the spring even though the bermuda grass is dormant. He starts as soon as danger of water freezing in the pipes is over. The use of water on dormant bermuda grass is common practice in Oklahoma and west Texas. This practice has prevented serious winter time loss of grass in both areas.

At Blue Hills Hall's U-3 bermuda grass tees are used for summer time play only. They are put into use after growth starts in the spring. Play stops in the fall just before bermuda grass goes dormant. Winter use under heavy play will result in loss of the bermuda eventually and unwarranted condemnation of the grass will follow. Dormant bermuda turf cannot withstand the excessive wear from player traffic and divots. Both deplete the grass of the stored reserve food needed to initiate growth in the spring. The effect may escape notice the first or even the second year but before too long the bermuda grass will fail to survive the winter.

Other clubs in the belt from Kansas City across to Washington and Philadelphia may find Hall's U-3 bermuda grass a good one for tees. The wise method is to establish a small sized nursery first and then test the grass on one or two tees for a year or two before going into an all out program. Aside from learning about winter hardiness this method affords an opportunity to become familiar with the grass and learn how to maintain it.

Hall's U-3 bermuda grass or any other bermuda is not likely to succeed farther north. Hall's U-3 and Tifton 127 have winter-killed the last two winters on our plots in Milwaukee. These were comparatively mild winters. Half the plots were covered during the past winter. Survival was no better than on the exposed part of the plot.



(1). Dudley Day designed and built this machine for planting strips of Hall's U-3 bermuda sod into the tees at Blue Hills CC. (2). The stripper is attached to the hydraulic lift on a farm type tractor. There are two cutting type discs followed by a small plow to lift the sod strip. (3). The Hall's U-3 bermuda grass sod nursery. Dudley Day holds a strip which will be used on a tee. (4). The nursery is leveled with soil after removing the strips of Hall's U-3 bermuda sod. The surface covers quickly as indicated. (5). The first operation on the tee is with the strip cutter. Strips are spaced a foot or more apart. (6). The second operation is to insert the sod strips of Hall's U-3 bermuda grass. Coverage occurs by August when planting is done in early June.



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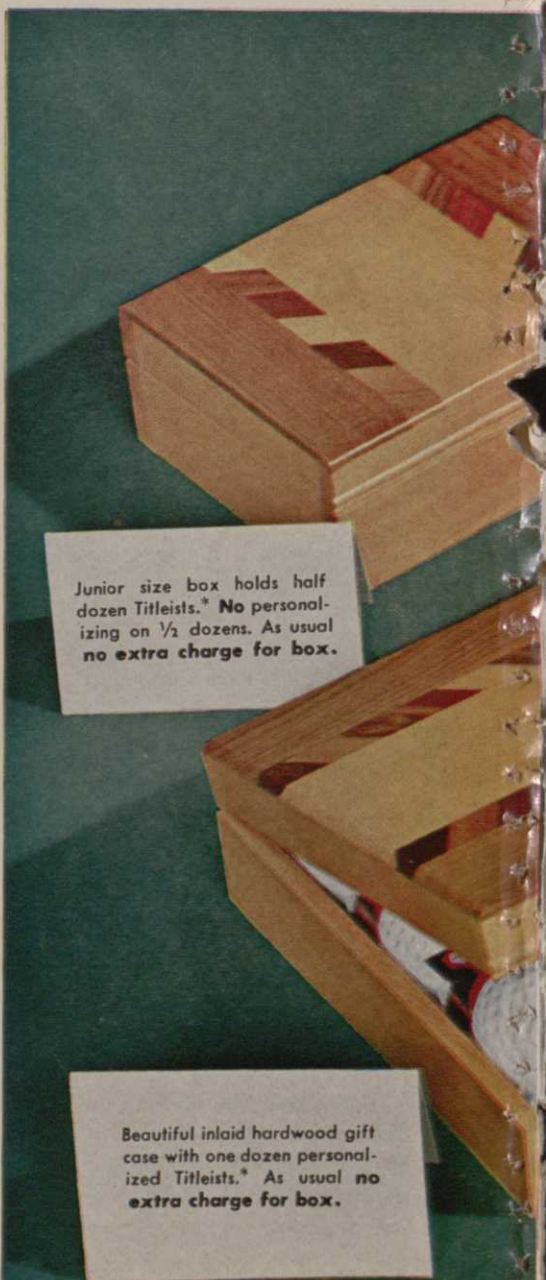
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## Front and Back, This Shop Makes Business Better

By ADE JENSEN

Professional, Racine (Wis.) Country Club

**S**ERVICE to his members, in my opinion, is the most important phase of a private club golf professional's work. That's what I had in mind when Racine CC's Board of Directors gave me the green light to lay out the floor plan for a new \$25,000 pro shop.

Now, after slightly more than a year in my new quarters, I've found the changes have provided greatly improved service for the members and better business for me.

The project entered the planning stage two years ago when a bath-house was needed for a newly-built swimming pool. In addition, the old pro shop located off the locker room in the clubhouse was proving to be inadequate. The building was remodeled and I had no space for caddie quarters, storing clubs, and displaying merchandise.

Therefore, Frank Hoffman, a Racine architect who is a member of the Club's Board of Directors, sat down with me to design the new shop. We purposely tried to put every inch of space to use in the best manner possible.

Ground was broken in August, 1953, and I moved in on April 1st a year ago. Now a modern, full brick building—easy to maintain both inside and out—overlooks the first tee. For maintenance, it is

necessary to paint only the ceiling and window trim occasionally. Inside, the flat-finished oak fixtures blend with the interior brick for a clean, comfortable atmosphere. Swinging, expanded-metal windowguards, which can be locked across the picture windows in the front of the building, blend with the metalwork on the

